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## Merrill To Sing At Byrnes

Metropolitan Opera star Robert Merrill, who has sung for presidents and heads of state, will perform at Winthrop College Thursday, February 23.

Merrill and the Charlotte

Symphony, sponsored by Winthrop College and the Rock Hill Fine Arts Association, will appear in Byrnes Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Merrill, acclaimed as America's finest baritone, is known to millions through his performances on opera and concert stages, as well as television and major music festival appearances. His records have brought him international recognition.

Merrill recently sang in Washington, D.C. and Waverly, Minn., for the funeral of Hubert Humphrey.

The Brooklyn-born baritone performed at state dinners for Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson, and before a joint session of Congress. He has appeared with every major orchestra in the United States, including those conducted by Leonard Bernstein, Eugene Ormandy and Arturo Toscanini.

In 1970 Merrill celebrated the 25th anniversary of his Metropolitan Opera debut with a performance of his original role in Verdi's "La Traviata." In 1973 he marked a record 500th performance with the company.

Merrill will perform "Deh, vieni alla finestra," from Don Giovanni; "Non Mu andrai," from The Marriage of Figaro; "Di Provenza il mar," from La Traviata; and "Credo in un Dio Crudel," from Otello.

The orchestra, under the baton of Leo Driesch, will play the Third Entracte from Puccini's Manon Lescaut, and the ballet music from Aida by Verdi. The overture to La Forza del Destino.

Following intermission, continues a selection of music from Verdi operas, including Merrill's selections from La Traviata and Otello. The orchestra will perform Bizet's Carmen Suite No. 1 to complete the evening.

Tickets for the Robert Merrill and the Charlotte Symphony performance are on sale at Joyne Center for Continuing Education at Winthrop College. Tickets are \$7 for orchestra and first balcony and \$5 for second and third balconies. Area students may purchase tickets for \$2, and full-time Winthrop students may pick up one free ticket each. Tickets may be purchased at Joyne Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

## Why Were Teams Cut?

BY MARY THOMAS

What's the future of women's sports at Winthrop? Will they have to take a back seat to the developing men's teams? Athletic Director Nield Gordon and Associate Director of Athletics Mary Griffin say they won't.

Then why were three intercollegiate teams, two of them women's, just dropped from the intercollegiate program? According to Dr. Griffin, who has been at Winthrop since 1967, the athletic program has been studying its entire program for years, and she has personally recognized that "some intercollegiate sports might have to go to a club basis."

Gordon said the recommendation to drop the three teams was brought up last year by the faculty athletic committee, and put before the committee again this year.

Dr. Griffin said the recommendation was put on the Faculty Advisor Board's agenda for February in December, "so the members had two months to think about it. It was unanimously accepted."

"The teams will be picked up by intramurals," she said. "Gymnastics may be better off as an intramural sport because they can compete with the Y's (YWCA's) and private clubs or groups."

Gordon said the reason for cutting intercollegiate gymnastics at this time was the "general waning" of teams in the area. Furman, the University of South Carolina and Winthrop have the only collegiate teams in the State.

Dr. Griffin added that "of the three teams in the State, one is a little 'fifty.' Furman doesn't know if they really want an intercollegiate team now."

A co-captain of the gymnastics team was quoted as saying they have interest in gymnastics, but not the support. Dr. Griffin said, "They've had the support all along. Coach Bell has come to me and said, 'What am I going to do?' Last week only two girls came to practice, and this week three showed up." Gymnastics, like golf, requires that the competitors have prior training and lessons."

"We can't justify putting \$3000 to \$4000 into scholarships for gymnastics when we have two meets a year."

Griffin also repeated that "we literally don't have space for gymnastics" because it "needs a space of its very own, like dance has."

Winthrop is not able to attract, according to Gordon and Dr. Griffin, top competitors in golf or gymnastics because of the lack of scholarship money. Gordon said the school's priorities include men's and women's basketball and tennis, men's soccer and baseball, women's softball, volleyball and field hockey.

"By the time you get to gymnastics and golf," Dr. Griffin said, "there's no money for scholarships." All scholarship money for sports comes from the community, not from student fees or state allocations.

The golf teams suffer from "a lack of local participation," Gordon said. "The team members have to voluntarily go ten

miles to practice," he said.

Dr. Griffin said, "The golf team has had four members in the past who played on the Ladies Professional Golf Tour." She said the teams playing now "can't compete with teams from other schools" very well because Winthrop cannot offer scholarships in golf. "We cannot put scholarship money into all sports."

Dr. Griffin emphasized that the golf and gymnastics teams could be reinstated as intercollegiate teams whenever scholarships become available.

Dr. Griffin said, "When Winthrop hired Nield Gordon last year, we made a full-fledged commitment to NALA basketball, but I don't want to see the athletic department hinged on men's basketball. We have had a strong women's sports program for 20 years."

Coach Gordon said he's working toward developing Winthrop's program for "all sports" and that he strongly supports the women's teams.

## News Briefs

### ATS Presents Daystar

DAYSTAR, a four-man band from Rock Hill, will be appearing at ATS this Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25.

Daystar stresses versatility, variety, and tight vocal harmonies through performances of Beach Music, Top 40, Fifties and a few select Disco and Rock hits. Selections include those by The Eagles, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Four Seasons, Sha Na Na, The Drifters, Hall and Oates, and Elton John.

### Looking For Miss Rock Hill

The Rock Hill Jaycees are currently accepting applications for the Miss Rock Hill Scholarship Pageant. Residents of Rock Hill or Winthrop College women are eligible. Those applying must be 18 by September 1979 or not over 26 by this same date. The scholarship is worth \$1750.00. The entry deadline is March 1, 1978 and the pageant is May 12, 1978. Anyone interested should call 327-3737.

## Runoff Election This Wednesday



## Instant Replay Called

Some won, some lost and some just tied up the game. That summed up last week's SGA contest where one-eighth of the Winthrop students elected their new representatives.

The winners included Julie Gilbert as Attorney General, and Debbie Grimes as Vice-President. The office of President has no victor, but is still

in contest; the contestants narrowed to Jimmie Williamson and Dan Urscheler.

With only a 40 ballot spread between the two Presidential candidates, a run-off election is necessary to declare a majority winner. The run-off election will be held Wednesday at the usual voting locations.

## Go To "Hell"

BY SUDIE TAYLOR

One way tickets to "hell" are on sale this week. But you needn't be damned to buy one.

The route to Hades is actually by way of Johnson Auditorium and the Winthrop College Drama Quartet. The Quartet, comprised of English/Drama faculty, will do a reader's theatre rendition of "Don Juan in Hell" tomorrow and Wednesday at 8 p.m.

G.B. Shaw's play centers around a philosophical debate between Don Juan and the devil on the relative virtues of heaven and hell. "Unexpectedly," tells director and Quartet member Mr. Blair Bessley, "it's very humorous because Shaw will take a stab at anything that makes up society."

Professors and characters comprising the Quartet are Mr.

Blair Bessley as Don Juan, Mr. Roy Flynn as the statue, Dr. Les Reynolds as Ana and the devil portrayed by Dr. Chris Reynolds. Each member of the faculty recital Quartet has experience in professional theatre.

Play-goers find readers theatre a different technique, since the play is actually read and there is no movement. Mood and atmosphere are created through the voice and dialogue of the readers. "Audiences find their imagination stimulated," explains Bessley, "since they see what they want to see."

Advance tickets to "hell" are half price (50c) with Winthrop ID sold noon to five of the show in 319 Kinard. Prices at the door range from \$1 with ID, to \$1.50 for students and \$2 for adults.

## A NEW VERSION OF SUCCESS

Since 1975, the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment has faced failure after failure. This points to the possibility that ERA will die before it can be ratified. Thirty-eight states must ratify the amendment before March 1978. Although ratification in only three states away, prospects seem especially dim. The hardcore, Southern states have traditionally fought social action, so their stand against ERA is no surprise. Only this month, the S.C. General Assembly tabled the amendment. Although ERA has fought through seven years of Congress, fifty-six years after it was first introduced, the amendment has met ever increasing obstacles. The difficulties associated with passage of ERA stem from both internal and external sources.

Most ERA supporters belong to numerous organizations, each contending a different ideology thus causing discrepancies insofar as the goals of national movement are concerned. By 1975, the ratification process stumbled to a halt. Major supporters of ERA - the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, The American Association of University Women, The League of Women Voters - clearly realized that their efforts needed to be consolidated. As a result of dire necessity, ERAmerica was created to form national ratification strategy.

The original plan was for the major women's organizations to pool their funds into ERAmerica. The goal was set at one million dollars. It is highly unlikely, however, that this goal will be achieved long before March 1979 since ERAmerica began its fundraising in March 1976 when most of the women's organizations were already into the first half of their financial year. That is, fundraising began when large sums of money were already gone.

Another barrier to national ratification strategy was formed by dissension among the organized supporters of ERA as evidenced by this year's convention in Texas. Disagreement and discord concerning feminist goals for social action such as lesbian rights permeated the convention from beginning to end.

To be successful, feminists must be strongly consistent and untied in policy as well as practice. Earlier this year, ERAmerica hired professional political consultants to make an indepth analysis of each of the fifteen unrattified states in order to uncover the biggest trouble spots. The analysis will help determine the strategy of ERAmerica by 1979. Although the plan is sound and needed, it comes too late since one year is not enough time to deal with all the problems. With time running out, one of ERA's last hopes is to enlist the support of the most public person in the country - Jimmy Carter.

Although the Carter administration has voiced support for the amendment, phone calls here and there to a few reluctant legislators (who defeated ERA anyway) proved to be absolutely fruitless. After all, many such politicians have made it to the top of their careers by informing the public that the President cannot tell them what to do. Carter's concern for ERA has gone from mild to downright timid support though the amendment becomes more controversial as each day passes.

If the President of the United States does not understand the importance of ERA, the rest of the country won't either. It is highly unlikely that Carter will appear on television to fully support the amendment like he has previously done on numerous occasions when controversy over issues like the energy crisis and the prospective Panama Canal treaty dictated such action. A television appearance by President Carter will enable him to refute the myths and speak the truth about ERA. His position, no doubt, carries a great deal of weight and credibility. ERAmerica and other supporters of the amendment have failed to do just this. Carter could explain why homemakers, churches, and businesses ought not to fear passage of the amendment. Examples of state laws which discriminate against women can be utilized in order to support his position. If nothing else, his appearance on television will at least create a national awareness of ERA.

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## Competency Tests—Do We Need Them?

POINT:

BY JULIE SPAHN

For quite some time now, there has been controversy over the use of competency tests as a criterion for high school graduation. Why all the uproar? You'd think the schools were asking their students to pass some sort of impossible standard. All those tests do is measure the basic skills in language and simple mathematics that are needed to survive in the "outside world" and should have been acquired by the time a person completed high school.

There is an astonishing number of young people now looking for jobs and applying to colleges who cannot read. This is a serious handicap in our society. It makes it impossible to take entrance exams to get into college. Most jobs today

require some reading ability even to fill out an application. It's even difficult to get through a day or normal activity without being called upon to read something. Renting an apartment, applying for a driver's license, taking prescription drugs, operating home appliances, reading personal and business correspondence, and so on. Many problems can be avoided simply by using reading skills. For instance, not too long ago a woman nearly died because she couldn't read the instructions for removing a child proof cap from her medication. Some people are unable to drive because they can't read the written exam and are too embarrassed to ask if they can take it orally. And how many accidents could have been prevented if people had just

read the instructions and used their appliances properly?

Being an adult who can't read is a humiliating experience. Most people assume that anyone who hasn't been reading effortlessly since the age of six is terribly backward or even retarded. Educational centers who have reading classes for adults say that many people don't want to come to class and would rather have a tutor come to their home so they won't be seen learning how to read.

Much of this could be avoided if reading problems were caught before the person left school. Then they could receive the help they need before their lack of skills forces them into a pattern of taking jobs below their ability.

## COUNTERPOINT:

BY RON HOUGH

A friend of mine was talking to me the other day and he spoke of a couple of students he knew. It seems he couldn't see how they were admitted to college, since it was obvious they hadn't learned a thing in high school.

There are more and more examples of this in all phases of life—in the schools, on the job, in the home. It seems more and more that our schools are turning out masses of functional illiterates, possessing only the bare rudiments of reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic.

It's a disgrace. It's a problem that is readily admitted to by the schools. Yet, what is proposed to bring an end to this obvious shortcoming? Competency tests. Basic skills tests administered with the ostentatious purpose of declaring the student eligible for a high school diploma. Currently in Florida, these tests are administered in the twelfth grade. The tests proposed elsewhere are to be given in the twelfth grade.

Yet there is a flaw in reasoning here. In Florida, for example, if one fails the competency test, one is not failed, one is handed a certificate of attendance. This is just that—a certification declaring that one has attended high school. It's not a diploma, it does not assert that one learned anything—it just says you were there!

What a cop-out! What a ridiculously easy way to shut off the poor suckers. Is there not a fallacy in this approach?

Does it not deny the basic tenets of the philosophy of education? Is it not indicative of the breakdown of our public schools?

I say yes to all these questions. They all point out the increasingly lackluster attitude toward education that is so prevalent in our schools today. They point to the fact that the system is a shuck. ("Yeah, lady, we know your kid can't read. Whaddya want from us?")

In other words, the desire for competency tests seems to be a move releasing the schools from all responsibility. The tests seem to be a basis for shifting the liability for his illiteracy upon the student himself. They seem to be saying, in effect, "OK, kids, we've had you for twelve (eleven) years—now show us what you can do."

Yet, in addition to this argument, there are others. Money, for example. Where are the school districts going for the necessary funds? With most districts scrimping along on already overloaded budgets, the prospects for funding are doubtful. If the necessary money were obtained, it would be more gainfully employed in teaching the students, rather than testing them. If the funds were allocated to better teaching aids and materials, there would be no need for testing.

However, even if the funds were obtained for the purpose of competency testing, this arises another objection. Let us suppose that the tests are administered in the sixth grade and again in the eleventh grade. If

a student fails the sixth grade test, he shouldn't have made it to the sixth grade in the first place. This applies even more so in the eleventh.

In other words, let us suppose that a student fails his/her eleventh grade competency test. There are two explanations. One is that the school is at fault. Since that option has been covered, let us examine the other—that the student is a poor student. Upon hearing that he/she has failed the test, the poor student will probably decide that it is not worth the effort of two, three, or more years making up his/her deficiencies. What do we now have? a drop-out.

The above is an extreme case, I know. Yet, since this hypothetical case is based on the assumption that the school isn't at fault (which seems to be the attitude), the student would have probably stayed in school and received his/her diploma. Whether or not the diploma is indicative of intelligence is not the question. What matters is that this student might get a better job with it.

So, what we have to realize is that the issue of competency tests is a valid issue. We have to understand that advocacy of these tests implies an acceptance of the breakdown of our educational system, that the funds necessary for the tests could be more constructively used, that the tests could be detrimental to the less-than-average student.

## Safe From Fire

Dear Editor:

This letter is written in response to your headline article, "Winthrop Revives Fire Safety" in the Feb. 6 publication of THE JOHNSONIAN.

Somebody goofed . . . not only in investigating for the article, but in printing the wrong material that the students took for truth. How can a college newspaper provide such inadequate information? What methods of research did you use Bob Ford?

The first two sentences in the

article are false statements. I know; I was last year's fire marshal for this school. I personally conducted fire drills in all of the dorms last year. There was also a week focused on fire prevention and school safety (I planned about 35 posters on bulletin boards around the school the week before - there was a poster in every building). I also had the Rock Hill Fire Department come and give a demonstration on the techniques of rescue from a college dorm. (THE EVENINGHERALD)

took photographs of this event, and gave Rock Hill a small article highlighting Fire Prevention Week at Winthrop.)

I hope I have provided you with enough information refuting the notion that Winthrop has not had an active fire safety program in the past.

Although our dear school has had an active and effective fire program, let it not go unsaid that we do need to provide the safest environment possible for all students, faculty, other employees, and daily

visitors. I commend THE JOHNSONIAN for taking a stand on such an important issue as that of people's lives. People's

lives are very valuable, or, at least, I like to think that of mine.

Steve Foss

## EDITOR'S NOTE

In the article on fire safety in the Feb. 6 issue, TJ reported that the Winthrop fire marshal had not coordinated fire drills since 1974. Steve Foss's letter shows TJ was partially in error. In 1976, he did organize fire drills and pass out posters during Fire Prevention Week. The local

newspaper printed a photo of a fire truck making a mock rescue at a Winthrop dormitory. The information printed was received from the offices of the S.G.A. and the Dean of Students. S.G.A. Vice-President Dale Dove said he had not known about Foss's activities.



# ...BUT I DEFEND TO THE DEATH YOUR RIGHT TO SAY IT

JIM GOOD

The activities of a small group of fringe fanatics known as the American Nazi Party is presently causing a great disturbance in the mid-Western region of the country and the reaction to it raises some fundamental questions about the nature of democracy and the nature of repression.

The ANP has decided to make a play for national publicity by holding a public rally in Skokie, Ill. They have chosen Skokie primarily for its large population of Eastern-European Jews, many of whom survived incarceration in German death camps. Having found it at first difficult to obtain a parade license from the city the Nazis ironically chose to seek aid in the matter from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Many lawyers who make up this body are Jewish, probably all are as personally far removed in ideology to nazism as anyone in the nation. Nonetheless, the tenets of the ACLU are to uphold the Constitutional rights of ALL citizens regardless and to provide the best counsel possible to anyone in need. The ACLU, feeling it their duty

to uphold this ideal, took the case.

The chief counsel for the ANP is named Goldenberger and he is the unenviable position of having to try to explain himself to an irate Jewish community who argue that there can be no such right of assembly for any group as heinous as the Nazis. They argue that freedom of speech does not extend those who believe in genocide, racial superiority by one group, and absolute conformity to the military ideal. Furthermore, they threaten to bash skulls should the ANP attempt to march in the streets of Skokie.

The drama entitled "KING" which has been playing the past few nights on NBC has something to teach us about this situation. To the vast majority of Southern whites during the 1950's the freedom movement of Dr. Martin Luther King was the most loathsome situation they had ever encountered. Not only was the old established order threatened, but the white populace faced the prospect of having to share the same body space with inferiors who would in all likelihood steal them blind,

rape their daughters, give their sons V.D., ruin business, destroy education and make restaurants smell bad. The local governments had successfully, since the time of the Emancipation Proclamation, managed to keep black people in a subservient position because they knew that the Constitution was not meant to be applied to blacks. Their argument and the argument of the Jewish community of Skokie are identical. It is extremely probable the Jews of Skokie are perfectly accurate in their assessment of the moral character of the Nazis; certainly as correct as the Southerners were incorrect; however, the damage done to American democracy would be the same in either case. Who decides who is loathe some and who is not? Who decides whether black people are worthy citizens or second-class? If the Nazis are an exception, why not the Communists next, then homosexuals, then liberals, then vegetarians, then Catholics, then anyone is not either a republican or a democrat, then anyone who is not a descendant of White Anglo-Saxon Protestants . . . then what you have

is Nazism or dictatorship under another name. The Jewish community of Skokie cannot be blamed for their emotions. They are simply too close to the subject to be able to render objective judgment of the matter. It is up to the rest of us to see to it that we do not allow the courts of this land to be unfairly pressured into rendering an unconstitutional decision. We must keep our eye upon the mark, as they say. We must remember that it is not the Nazis we are defending but our own precious freedom. Keeping them out of jail and helping them to air their views publicly will ultimately save us from the same fate.

In a constitutional democracy such as the United States it is, I believe, an impossibility that a group such as the Nazis or the Communists could ever take over in a free election. Joe McCarthy did not have that faith and he decided to incite the citizens of this country to acts which would later be seen as the blackest time of our history. One cannot fight repressive ideologies with repression. All of these ideas must see the

light of day so that they do not become martyr causes for those fringe groups. Martin Luther King recognized the power of repression in furthering his own movement. He made sure all the senseless beatings at the hands of police were captured on television film so that the whole country could see what his people were up against. Through this device he gained much deserved sympathy. The Nazis could gain much undeserved sympathy if we make martyrs out of them. If we allow them to speak freely they will fall under the weight of their own assassin. The greatest hope of democracy lies in fostering diversity. The more different opinions which are allowed to be cultivated the less chance there is of there ever being a one-party system peopled by mindless automatons as in the case of German Nazism under Hitler.

All of the very worst in government has grown from the seeds of fear, suspicion, and ignorance; all the very best has grown from the irrigation of human energies by the free and copious flow of divergent ideas.

## U.S. CONGRESS AT WORK: UNSOLVING AN OLD PROBLEM

KATHY KIRKPATRICK

Five years ago the Supreme Court legalized abortion. I thought the matter was settled. I thought women had the right to choose. I was wrong.

Two months ago, December 1977, our United States Congress voted restrictions on government paid abortions. Abortion was once legal. Now it's legal for women who can pay

for it. The all male House-Senate Conference Committee proposed that federally funded abortions be prohibited except in case where: 1) the life of the woman is in danger if she carries the child to term, 2) two doctors determine that the woman risks "severe and long lasting health damage" from pregnancy, and 3) pregnancy results from rape or incest.

The proposal is now law. If it had been law in 1976, it

would have ruled out two thirds of the 280,000 abortions paid for by Medicaid last year. That's 1/4 all abortions in the United States. What does it all mean? It means that if 170,000 needy women want abortions this year, they will have only two alternatives to have a cheaper, less safe illegal abortion or to have children they do not want.

A poll conducted by TIME "MAGAZINE produced some ironic figures. The poll revealed that 84% of the public believes that a woman should be free to have an abortion if she wants one, but 58% believe that public funds should not be used. How can anyone maintain that a woman should be free to have an abortion and then turn around and take away the funds that would make this freedom for many women possible?

Obviously I'm overheated. Apolitical as I am, this situa-

tion makes by blood boil. I'm interested in justice but I don't fool myself. This will never be a fair world. Yet we must push toward the highest level of fairness we can attain, low as that may be. Says Carter on this issue, "Life is unfair"—rich people will always be able to afford things poor people cannot. But we're not talking about electric blenders, old boy. It's like shutting down all medical schools and abolishing the medical profession because there will always be disease. If life is unfair, and we all agree that it is, is that any reason to try to make it less so?

I picture the Right to Life's, the real muscle behind this legislation, as a plump upper class couple with two poodles, a station wagon and three kids. Why not give THEM the 175,000 and more children of abortions they wish to deny? They're concerned with quantity. But human life is not worth living on those terms. I've seen interviews of women affected by this kind of law—one woman with five children she cannot feed and yet she must have another child, another woman the victim of an illegal abor-

tion, still more hopelessly in debt after borrowing to pay for an abortion. This year the right to life plans to press for a ban on all Medicaid abortions, without exception.

Said New Jersey Republican Representative Millicent Fenwick of that all male Congressional Committee that authorized the final abortion proposal, "I sat there furious, looking at those men—some of them laughing and I could have kicked them. I try to believe that they did it in ignorance. They haven't sat down and listened to the people who are most affected." So you would have kicked them Millicent. I'd call that mild. I'd call that too mild. I'd bundle them up along with the old fogies that just defeated ERA in South Carolina and bury them like plutonium, like all destructive things.

So. Thirty states have even stopped state funds for abortions for the poor. We live in one of them. While this country waves the flag of human rights under the nose of foreign countries, it denies thousands of its own the most basic human right of all—the right to choose.

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## DEBE'S GIRLS

BY JAN MILLSAPPS

Suffragettes and sheiks, mag-nolia festivals and war's grim reality visited the Winthrop campus during the Johnson years.

"Debe's girls," the early female students of Winthrop College, were an uncommon mix of genteel Southern womanhood and the emerging 20th century woman concerned with current events and preparing for a future in the world.

Dr. D.B. Johnson and his young wife Mai kept the antebellum South alive at Winthrop, presiding over the social arena. Their home was "the center of many charming courtesies, all expressive of the hospitality of the Old South."

The white columned Johnson Building, the carefully manicured lawns and flowerbeds were a part of Winthrop said the literary journal, which Johnson "created out of his own inner vision to say subtly, 'We are Southern.'"

The same D.B. Johnson inspired young women to study and excel in all areas. At his insistence the college developed into a place to learn home-making arts, but also a place where a young woman might study subjects like astronomy and political science.

Johnson introduced a stream of scholars, performing artists and well-known lecturers from all over the world to educate

and entertain the women.

Winthrop students were most enthusiastic over music concerts. The campus director of music, a Miss Campell, took a personal interest in developing musical appreciation on campus, giving pre-performance discussions on the artists' backgrounds and program notes.

As early as 1897, the New York Male Quartette performed at Winthrop, followed by the New York Artists Co. In 1914, the Russian Symphony Orchestra in 1917, and in 1926 both the John Phillip Sousa band and Paul Whiteman and his jazz orchestra.

Poet Vachel Lindsay gave a reading in 1922, and humorist Will Rogers performed in 1925. Early silent movies like "Les Miserables" and "Julius Caesar" were shown in 1914-1915.

Despite continuing celebrations of Robert E. Lee's birthday and Confederate Memorial Day, Winthrop women were growing more aware of current events and national issues.

In 1916, Heler Keller, an accomplished young woman even though she was deaf and blind, told a Winthrop audience, "I am a suffragette, because I think it takes both men and women to run the world and to run it right."

According to newspaper articles and editorials, women at Winthrop were receptive to the suffrage movement. In 1917

the college invited women's rights leader Miss Eudora Ramsey of Greenville to speak. Many Winthrop teachers and graduates, including educator and politician Kate Wofford, spoke out in favor of women's rights.

World War I further pressed upon the Winthrop women an awareness of international events. The Winthrop Weekly News, forerunner to THE JOHNSONIAN, ran regular messages from President Woodrow Wilson, news from the boys abroad and advice for those back home. One such advice column encouraged every woman to "do her bit" to conserve sugar by not chewing gum.

In 1924 Winthrop students participated in a national college poll, affirming a world peace plan overwhelmingly, with only Yale and Penn State outvoting them. The survey proved, said THE JOHNSONIAN, "that in matters of expressing an opinion on a question of international character, Winthrop is no laggard when compared to her contemporaries."

Winthrop women were also attuned to current fashions. Ads in the 1914 Tatler and THE JOHNSONIAN invited them to free corset fittings and urged them to purchase shoes "guaranteed to make young men sit up and notice." In the 1920's, ads beckoned them to try new colored silk hose and mah jong sets, both available at local

department stores.

Winthrop women never seemed satisfied with the required navy blue style of dress. One woman in the 1914 Tatler said, "If dreams came true, the uniforms would consist of anything we chose."

In 1924, Winthrop women spoke out about men. Responding to a University of Tennessee newspaper story on the ideal woman, THE JOHNSONIAN conducted its own survey among Winthrop women and published the results.

The ideal man, they found, was actually (100 per cent) intellectual, had both a good physique and a car, was thoughtful, orderly and sympathetic, had a sense of humor and "masculine ways." A majority of women allowed him to dance, play cards, smoke and have a good time, but only eight per cent thought he should flirt, and only three per cent believed he should wear loud ties and swear.

The hero of the Winthrop women, however, remained throughout his presidency D.B. Johnson, "a man wise, kind and loving who infused into every portion of the institution a personality so strong and so fine that every classroom, every girl, every officer of the college felt it and responded to it."

In honoring Johnson on his 70th birthday in 1926, student government president Martha Miller Holler remarked that

there were far too many candles on the cake for such a young man.

"We even believe him to be a close rival to Rudolph Valentino when it comes to being a sheik," she said, "for not even Rudolph himself holds the hearts of 1,730 girls in his hand at one time and keeps them all guessing as 'Debe' does."

## Winthrop Gets Events Board

Thanks to the Class of 1978, Dinkins Program Board and the Outing Club, Winthrop now has a new events board. This events board, which is located near the cross section just before you get to Dinkins, is designed to announce campus wide events and to make students aware of what is happening around the Winthrop campus.

Tom Webb, director of Dinkins Student Center said that this is just one more way in an effort to keep students informed. The events board which costs approximately four hundred dollars, is illuminated and will automatically come on at night.

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# Closing In On The

BY MARY THOMAS

Let's face it, the supernatural seems to be here to stay. Joan of Arc heard voices, others like Edgar Casey and St. Paul have seen visions or told the future. Over 15 million Americans reported UFO's by 1974, according to a Gallup poll, and over half of our adults believe they are real. Are they?

Book and Key will sponsor a discussion of "The Cosmic Connection" by Carl Sagan 8 p.m., February 21 upstairs in Dinkins. Sagan teaches astronomy at Cornell University and has worked for NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Association). He is also a self-proclaimed "exo-biologist," or student of the outside worlds. The Cosmic Connection is one of several books Sagan has written about the scientific possibilities of extra-terrestrial life.

The Air Force Bluebook, an official record of UFO sightings in the United States since

1952, was closed in 1967 but sightings and speculations continue. Two brothers driving a truck through Ely, Nevada in 1966 saw an orange light that descended, then suddenly disappeared. As it disappeared, the driver lost control of the truck, and said it felt like the truck was "floating." The lights and radio went out and the motor stopped. A blue-green light appeared on the road as one of the brothers went out to look at the car. It advanced toward them, then took off as both brothers locked themselves in the truck cab.

According to Hynek and Vallee, there are definite patterns of appearance and behavior in all reliable UFO sightings.

UFO's appear as physical craft that can move through our atmosphere easily and are not bound by gravitational laws. They may be detected by radar, and they usually have landing

marks like huge rings. Their landings may cause plants to wither, get blight, or to be scorched. Animals are disturbed by them, and people may suffer temporary blindness or paralysis nausea or headaches. the two researchers claim.

UFO's look like a mass of self-generated light whose color changes at night, and like a round flat disc during the day, according to reports of UFO sightings. They can interfere with radio, television, power lines, and the electrical systems of cars, according to Vallee and Hynek. "It has often been reported that car headlights, radios and engines are temporarily put out of commission," they said, in the presence of UFO's.

Most "close encounter" cases occur in "preferentially relatively isolated places, away from human dwellings and installations," said Vallee and Hynek.

Carl Sagan explored the possibility of life being transported between planets by spores from bacteria and viruses in the upper atmosphere. He concluded that radiation or cosmic rays would kill any microorganisms leaving the earth's atmosphere, but that Swedish Chemist Arrhenius' "seeds of life" theory could work for planets that were far enough away from a star to have negligible radiation,

as Neptune and Uranus do.

Radio pioneers Marconi and Tesla considered the possibility of contact with intelligent life from other places, and scientists Cocconi and Morrison said, "Electromagnetic radiation is the most natural and feasible interstellar communication method since radio waves move at light speed and their energy can be concentrated over a limited area."

People have believed that life exists on other planets or in a galaxy far, far away since the days of the ancient Vedda culture of Ceylon, through the Greek and Roman civilizations

to the present. Soviet founder of astronautics, Konstantin E. Tsiolkowski believed that life existed on various levels throughout the universe.

Book and Key's Feb. 21 discussion will be a forum for any and all views on UFO's and extraterrestrial beings, and discussion leaders will try to keep their minds open to all possibilities, as Roman materialist philosopher Metrodoros said, "To consider the Earth the only populated world in infinite space is as absurd as to assert that in an entire field sown with millet only one grain will grow."

## Smith Takes Honors At Organ Competition

Winthrop student Timothy Smith took first place honors at the Regional Music Teachers National Association in Louisville, Kentucky on February 4. Smith, who is a senior organ major, had previously taken first place honors at the state organ championship. Because of his performance in Louisville, Smith will now attend the National Championships to be held in Chicago, Illinois on April 2.

At his recital, Smith played

Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor (dorian) by J.S. Bach, Organ mass by Corrette, Dieu parrmious mous by Mersiaen and Night Procession by Albright.

Smith has been playing the organ since he was fourteen. He has been involved in the Student Guild of Organist here at Winthrop, and is presently Organist and Choir master at Purity Presbyterian Church in Chester, South Carolina.

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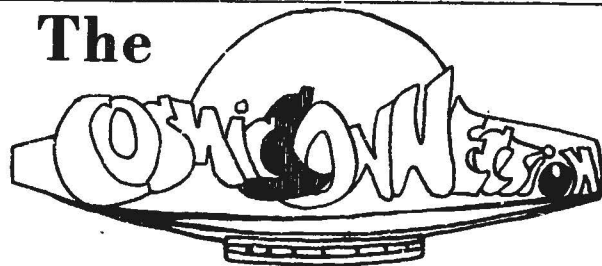
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## Eleven Members Will Attend AACTE Conference

A team of eleven members from Winthrop and local schools will attend the 1978 Annual American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education meeting in Chicago, February 21 through 24, according to Dr. J.H. Boger, Dean of the School of Education.

Dean Boger will represent the 11 member team at the AACTE conference. Those attending will be: Dean Boger, School of Education; Dr. James Colbert, Director of Teacher Education; Dr. Offa Lou Jenkins, Chairman of the Department of Special Education; Dr. John Gallen, Chair-

man of the Department of Secondary Education; and Dr. Ann Lister, Assistant Professor of Education.

Also attending will be: Dr. Patricia McClendon, Chairman of the Department of Reading and Library Science; Dr. Robert H. Braswell, Chairman of the Department of Elementary Education; Ms. Bessie A. Moody, Instructor of Elementary Education; Mr. Belton R. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Rock Hill Public Schools; Ms. Anne Nims, Principal of Erwin Elementary School; and Mrs.

Diane Worthy, Instructor, School of Education.

"The Knowledge Base for the Preparation of Education Personnel" will be the conference theme. Research reports, demonstrations, and "hands-on" discussion sessions will be conducted. Eight subtopics have been prepared, a few of which will be: Selection and Retention of Students in Preservice Teacher Education, Follow-up studies in Evaluating Teacher Preparation Programs, and Evaluation of Teacher and Career Decisions.

## TALK-IN IS FORUM

BY MARY THOMAS

Are SGA Talk-Ins a thing of the past? No. A hundred times no. And that's about how many people showed up to get to know the candidates for SGA president, vice-president and attorney-general last Monday night.

What's a talk-in? Well, that's where all the candidates get together in the cafeteria, or some other place where you find cookies and thirst quen-

ers, and . . . what? You want to know what SGA is? That's short for Student Government Association. Where have you been, people?

O.K., back to the talk-in. First, all the candidates are introduced. Then they all tell what they want to do if they get elected. That usually has something to do with getting students involved, being available and growing with Winthrop.

Next, the audience gets to ask questions. You can ask any or all of the candidates any question about their qualifications for the office they want and what they want to do while in office.

The questions last Monday night ranged from asking a specific candidate about their qualifications and ability to get things done to looking for opinions on the attendance policy and the future of the old traditions, like Classes Night and the dreaded Rat Week.

The talk-in, which lasted an hour and fifteen minutes, also allowed candidates to clarify and expound on their previously published statements.

Talk-ins do not necessarily put any candidate at a disadvantage. They may, like the one last Monday night, also serve as a forum for public opinion.

students who are freshmen may also be eligible.

Any student who thinks that he or she may meet these requirements is urged to contact Bess Neely, Chapter president, or Gordon Ross, Faculty advisor, to the chapter. Plans are now being made for the spring initiation, to be held in either March or April.



### GRADUATE STUDY WORKSHOP OFFERED

Graduate Study Workshops have been scheduled for anyone considering graduate school, February 22 and 23 at 3:00 in 147 Bancroft, according to Frank Joseph, Career Planning and Placement Director.

"Some people are undecided about what they want to do and feel graduate school may be the cure," Joseph said. "They need to realize choosing graduate school is like choosing a job."

The workshop, a one hour session will cover certain aspects of graduate school. Pros and cons of graduate school, and the motivation behind wanting to go will be discussed first. Actual specifics to consider when choosing a graduate school such as admission requirements, philosophy of the school, and expense will also be discussed.

Admission procedures, tests, transcripts, and interviews will be explained; as will information on Financial Aid and fellowships. One will be exposed to sources available for finding general information on all schools offering graduate level programs.

"The workshop is for any student interested in or considering graduate school as an alternative. Some have the wrong reasons for wanting to go and this may help them to decide," he said.

### LIFE INSURANCE A SATISFYING CAREER

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### Honor Society Seeking Members

The Winthrop chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, the National Honor Society for outstanding freshmen, is seeking students who may be eligible for membership. The society is open to all freshmen who have completed at least 12 hours and who earned a 3.5 or better GPA by the end of their first semester at Winthrop. Transfer

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# Education Is State's Future

BY MARY THOMAS

"Public education is the future of the State," Richard W. Riley, a candidate for the South Carolina Democratic gubernatorial nomination, said in an interview last Monday afternoon in Dinkins.

"The higher the quality of education, the higher the quality of our future will be," Riley said.

Riley, a Greenville lawyer with 14 years of experience in the S.C. General Assembly, said, "We need a change in attitude" toward the State's educational system. "Education is something you cannot mandate by law," he said.

Riley said parents need to be more involved with the schools. "Parents need to commit themselves to participate and consult with their children's teachers, and the teachers need to work more closely with parents," he said.

"The Governor can do more by being personally committed to education, as I am, and by being out in PTAs and rallies," he said.

Riley, whose spine was stiffened by arthritis, said he supports having counselors in elementary schools, and extending the kindergarten program until 5 p.m. to benefit working mothers.

"High school curriculums are somewhat rigid," Riley said. But he believes excited parents can straighten that out, along with

the "discipline problem" in the schools.

Riley said that too much money is spent on higher education in proportion to elementary and secondary schools. He proposed an extended exchange of resources between colleges and public schools, including libraries, professors and programs, as a means of enriching public schools.

Schools could get money from the "fast school finance" method, according to Riley. "When there's a change in funding, a certain amount would be taken off the top from growth money and sent to school districts on a per pupil basis," Riley said.

"I'm heavy on planning," he said. Riley predicted "significant industrial growth over the next ten years, which will allow us to design the economic growth and development of the State, how new industry will affect taxes and the environment."

Riley said he does not presently see any need for new or increased taxes, "but if a situation presented itself where" more taxes "would serve the public interest, I would approve it."

Riley also supports ERA, dance Directors and Residence The ERA movement, while it has failed in the State and may fail in the nation, has caused lots of people to be sensitive to women's rights and a lot of changes have been brought

about by it." He said one reason it was defeated in the S.C. legislature was probably "that a lot of spokesmen for ERA got a bad political reaction by coming on too strong in some areas."

Equality is also a problem in rural health care. Riley said many federal programs are geared to "city problems. The tragedies of poverty and sickness in rural areas like villages and small towns is not as noticeable as a big ghetto."

Riley said he has suggested the the National Growth and Planning Council that more federal programs "be geared through the State enabling the Governor to handle statewide problems."

As for equalizing education,

minimum competency testing is "not a panacea," said Riley. "I support it, if we can afford it, and if we can follow it up with remedial learning." Testing is good, he said, "if a teacher has the knowledge and background to make use of it."

Riley said minimum competency tests would cost the State from 1 to 6 million dollars, and "the remedial program in Florida is costing 20 million."

"People have backed up from wanting quality education foisted on them," he said. "The format for education in the future will be government leaders going to the people and saying, 'Together, we've got to decide what's good for our children.'"

Farmers have been demonstrating against unfair prices in

the past months. Riley said, "The farmers are painted into a corner, and they've got to fight their way out. If I were a farmer, I'd fight to get out, too."

"Farm prices have stayed level for years for food. The farmer has to decide how much to plant, and how much to lose. Probably, the more he plants, the less he will lose, but that's a hard way to run a business."

Riley said he would "represent the agricultural interest of the State" as Governor. "I look at it as an industry and treat it as an industry." He said he would use his influence with President Carter, since he strongly supported Carter in the 1976 election, to get aid for S.C. farmers.

## Residence Staff Holds Meeting

BY RALPH JOHNSON

On February 7, all the Residence Staff met in Thomson Cafeteria to discuss Fire Safety and procedures to follow in case fire should break out in the dorms.

This meeting, which was held in response to an article printed in THE JOHNSONIAN on February 6, was conducted by Bill Culp, who directs the physical plant. Also present at the meeting were the dean and assistant dean of students, Iva Gib-

son and Richard Cummings, the Vice-President of SGA Dale Dove and Attorney General Joanne Schneider.

Direction sheets were given to each RA (with enough for all the students on their halls) about the procedure to follow in the event a fire should break out. Discussed at the meeting was the recent upsurge of solicitation by off campus salespeople. Both Dean Gibson and Dean Cummings emphasized the fact that these people do not have permission of the school to solicit on campus and it is against

the. There have been recent complaints by students concerning people either selling flowers and candy for religious organizations or the more prevalent solicitation by representatives of a company selling cookware and cutlery. If a student knows that such action is occurring in the dorms he/she should contact his RA immediately.

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## SGA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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The first elections are over, now, but there's still lots more to come. Today applications go out for officers of the rising Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes. Applications are to be turned in at the Dinkins Information Desk by Friday, February 24. Elections for these offices will take place Wednesday, March 1. Get involved!

The results of the Eagle Quiz, conducted by SGA and the Public Affairs Office, have been compiled; SGA is studying these results and considering which direction to take regarding them.

### SENATE

The SGA Senate last week spent a considerable amount of time discussing and debating the report of a special investigative traffic committee. There were several reasons for the committee and its report; first, it was in response to the administration's consideration of lowering Oakland Avenue in order to build crosswalks over it. SGA was also responding to student concern about park-

ing on campus and traffic safety.

This special Senate traffic committee conducted an extensive investigation of campus parking and traffic and came up with several recommendations. Among these recommendations are ones for the strict enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit on campus, the installment of "no right turn on red" signs at the intersections of Oakland Avenue and Eden Terrace and Oakland and Myrtle Drive, and a three second red delay for both flows of traffic. The committee also recommends that a fence be installed on the median of Oakland Avenue, from the intersection of Eden Terrace to the intersection at Cherry Road; this would be done to discourage the practice of jaywalking. Another recommendation concerns a

greater awareness of parking rules on campus, either through education or enforcement.

The complete report of this special committee is available for interested students in the SGA office, and any suggestions regarding this problem will be appreciated. Committee members are: Dave Capp (chairman), Kim Riske, Dawn Lindsey, and Reggie Powell.

Student Life has set April 16 as Parent's Day; the second showing of Junior Follies will also be held on this day.

Student Life is also handling the Suggestion Boxes which have been placed in Thomson and Dinkins. The box in Thomson is for Epicure and SGA while the one in Dinkins is for SGA, Dinkins and the Snack Bar. Complaints or suggestions about food service, Dinkins, SGA or anything else should be placed in these boxes.

Rules and Regulations has a special committee looking into the possibility of holding public forums with Winthrop administrators concerning major issues. For example, the administration

is presently trying to obtain state funding to lower the street level of the Winthrop portion of Oakland Avenue in order to build crosswalks over the underpass for student safety, the committee feels students should have a chance to air their opinions on this issue, as well as other

subjects of campus interest.

Academic Affairs has had several meetings with Pam Zagari, editor of THE JOHNSONIAN concerning better coverage of SGA by TJ.

### JUDICIAL BRANCH

Last Sunday night the Judicial Board heard two cases. The first ones involved an open dorm violation; the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined by the Board. The second case was an appeal of a fine for excessive noise; the Board upheld the fine.



A special thanks goes out to the class of 1978 and the Outing Club for helping to get a bulletin board installed between Oakland Avenue and Bancroft. Dinkins Program Board will handle the information which will be put up

weekly.

A general meeting for all persons interested in being Winthrop College cheerleaders will be held tomorrow afternoon (February 21) at 4:00 p.m. in Peabody Gym.

Any input concerning this weekly SGA column should be directed to Patti Abbott, SGA Press Secretary, Box 6244.

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## Crosswalk and Parking Situations Reported

BY MARY THOMAS

Jaywalking across Oakland Avenue is "definitely a problem," according to a written report presented to Senate 7:42 p.m. Feb. 8 by the Senate Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Committee, composed of Senator Kim Briske and former senators Dawn Lindsey, Reggie Powell and committee chairman Dave Capps, recommended that a fence be put up on the Oakland median from Cherry Road to Eden Terrace and that the existing fence in front of Dinkins be extended to Sumter Avenue, as one measure to prevent jaywalking.

Dove said the College is thinking about making drastic changes, such as lowering Oakland to discourage jaywalkers and accommodate the handicapped.

The Board of Trustees authorized the administration of Winthrop to determine the feasibility of lowering Oakland Avenue to prevent jaywalking and to make it easier for those with mobility handicaps to cross the street, according to Rehabilitation Act Co-Ordinator Mary Breakfield.

If the street is lowered, a crosswalk will be built over it on the same level as the existing sidewalk. Senator Dan Urscheler asked if that would be feasible, since private homes were involved.

The committee recommend-

ed that additional crosswalks be painted to go along with established paths around Kinard, Phelps and Dinkins, and that the stop sign between Kinard and Byrnes be more clearly displayed with a flashing red light so visitors and college drivers will be aware of the full stop.

Senator Guy commented that the "Stop for Pedestrian in Crosswalk" signs were faded and too small. "We have a problem with people not stopping, I've heard tires screech several times from cars that hadn't noticed me."

Senate President Dale Dove said, "Unless we take some action, the administration is thinking of taking action. This committee took the attitude of an overseer. They tried to come up with what's needed and what's best for this campus."

Faculty advisor David Rankin said that Winthrop may have to take steps to lower Oakland and build over-the-street crosswalks to comply with the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. "Then you wouldn't be able to cross it," he said, except at designated crosswalks. Rankin said the lowering of the street could happen within two years.

The Traffic Committee addressed the question of why the Cherry Road gates are locked at night. The gates, between Lee Wicker and Thomson and between Thomson and Richardson, are locked "to prohibit the campus from becoming a through-

fare to Rock Hill traffic," which could cause problems with traffic flow and control on campus, the committee said.

Senator Gary Gaulin asked if there was an established time for the gates to be locked.

Capps said, "That's one problem that the Traffic Committee is still investigating in Security. The sergeants are in charge of that, but each one apparently has his own interpretation. The gates are locked approximately at dark."

Senate President Dove said, "This is only a partial report, on crosswalks and traffic flow. The Committee uncovered the tip of an iceberg and will be looking into the reason we have so many alleged irregularities in Campus Security."

The Traffic Committee found present parking distribution inadequate, and suggested that freshmen be required to park in the pits beside Wofford (the Cherokee lot) because they tend to take up the majority of the parking around Wofford and Richardson, forcing upperclassmen to park farther away from their dorms.

Senator Gaulin, a day senator, said, "There should be no discrimination between classes. You'd have to get new parking stickers, and enforce the rules. If a campus wants to grow, there should be no discrimination between classes," he said.

Senator Grimes suggested that, instead of freshmen, the residents of Wofford and

Richardson should be required to park in the Cherokee lot. A dorm resident, she said, "They could put a 'W' or an 'R' on the stickers, like the 'A's' for the people who live in the (Roddey and Brazeale) apartments."

Senator Debbie Culp, who also lives on campus, said, "It's a privilege to have a car on campus. At some colleges, freshmen are not allowed to have a car at all because of parking problems."

Senator Gaulin pointed out the recommendation said "all resident freshmen" would park in the Cherokee lot, and some of the freshmen girls live in Bancroft.

Senate President Dove admitted the recommendation would have to be rewritten.

Traffic Committee Chairman Capps said, "There's plenty of parking on campus. What we tried to do is to find a way to redistribute parking to benefit all students."

The Traffic Committee suggested that all parking lots be evaluated and redesigned, if necessary, "for the utmost in economy and efficiency," before any additional money for paving them is allocated. The Dinkins lot has already been redesigned.

The committee also recommended that the Dinkins lot have both an entrance and an exit on Sumter and on College avenues.

The committee found that the Dinkins lot is scheduled to be paved in March or April,

and that the Campus Planning Committee has plans to pave the Alumni lot next. The Campus Planning Committee members are the SGA president and vice-president and college administrative heads and deans. The Traffic Committee recommended that the lot behind McBryde be paved after the Alumni lot.

The Traffic Committee report also recommended that the Campus Police develop a uniform towing policy regarding procedures to be followed before a car is towed, towing fees and where cars are towed.

The Traffic Committee reported that parking for the handicapped is being studied by the Winthrop Rehabilitation Committee, and Chairman Capps said that anyone who had or knew of someone with a mobility handicap should contact Mary Breakfield in the Legal Office, 113 Tillman.

The Traffic Committee also recommended that the one way direction of College Farm Road at the Shack be reversed to remove the potential hazard posed by the intersection of Sumter Avenue and College Farm Road. The traffic flow pattern now crosses, as vehicles must turn left to go in or out.

Senate voted to receive the report as information, reserving the right to make bills from particular recommendations, and authorized Senate President Dale Dove to discuss the report and Senate's reaction to it with Dean Cummings, Dr. Littlejohn and President Vail.

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# Predictions On ACC Tournament

BY DAVE JOHNSON

Acclaimed by many to be the finest college basketball conference in the nation, the Atlantic Coast Conference carries the nation's best won-lost record against non-conference teams. This has become an A.C.C. basketball tradition in recent years.

This year the A.C.C. teams are even stronger and more balanced than usual. This balance of power will increase the already great interest in the annual A.C.C. Basketball Tournament. This year the tournament will be held in the Greensboro Coliseum March.

The A.C.C. Tournament is always exciting and unpredictable as each school fights for first place honors and a berth in the Eastern Regionals.

The Duke Blue Devils will

send a very strong and balanced team into the tournament. The Blue Devils' strength lies in outstanding sophomore center Mike Gminski - Co-Rookie of the Year last year in the A.C.C. - and high-scoring junior Jim Spanarkel.

North Carolina, with All-American guard Phil Ford and talented sophomore Mike O'Koren, will have a great deal to say about the tournament outcome.

North Carolina State, the last A.C.C. team to win the national title, boasts a young but talented squad this season. State depends largely on Clyde "The Glide" Austin and "Hawkeye" Whitney - last year's other Co-Rookie of the Year.

Virginia is a surprise power this year and has consistently been in the top twenty. The Cavaliers are led by standout

freshmen Jeff Lamp and Lee Raker.

Maryland has several talented players and their success depends on getting them to play as a team. Lefty Driesell and his coaching staff have their work cut out for them. Maryland is led by Lawrence Boston and freshman Albert King.

The Clemson Tigers have the least talent but may possess the greatest amount of enthusiasm. Lots of spirit and good teamwork will be the key to any Tiger victories. There are no individual standouts for the Clemson team.

Wake Forest is probably the most inconsistent of the better teams. They are led by last year's A.C.C. Player of the Year - Rod Griffin. Their inconsistency may leave them out of the tournament finals.

Picking a winner from these seven teams is a monumental task and eventually relies on guesswork. The weakest teams seem to be Clemson and Maryland in that order. How the remaining five are ranked is anyone's guess for many good reasons.

Aside from the fans of the U.S.C. Gamecocks (a former A.C.C. member), most basketball enthusiasts in this area align themselves with one or more A.C.C. teams. A poll of predictions for the next A.C.C. Champion seems in order. Below you will find a ballot you may use to send in your prediction.

Being a Duke fan, and thinking that they have the best all-round team, I pick the Blue Devils to be the next A.C.C. Champion. Any comment of support or disagreement will be considered for a future editorial.

The 1978 A.C.C. Tournament Champion will be

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## Dharas, Bowey Finish 4th In Ping Pong Tourney

On Thursday, Feb. 9, Winthrop College sent seven tournament champions to the Regional Association of College Unions-International (ACUI) Tournament at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. They faced stiff competition from students from universities in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. Winthrop was represented in chess, football, ping pong and billiards.

Winthrop's highest finish came in the Mixed Doubles in the Ping Pong Tournament. Nash Dharas and Cheryl Bowey finished fourth. Ms. Bowey also tied for seventh in Women's Singles. Tommie Ramsey and Eugene Reeves finished ninth in the Football Tournament - and gained recognition for being the only team with a female player.

The rest of the Winthrop champs lost in early-round competition, many of them in very close games. All of them won

at least one game.

Winners at the ACUI Regional advance to national tournaments where they will vie for scholarships and other prizes.

The 1979 ACUI Regional Tournament will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Anyone who aspires to play in the tournament should begin preparing now for next year.

## Cheerleaders Needed

SGA officers and Athletics Director Nield Gordon will meet with male and female students who want to try out to be cheerleaders for the soccer team and both basketball teams Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. in Peabody Gym.

The first tryouts will be held at 4 p.m. March 20 in Peabody Gym.

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# The Great Santini: GREAT

REVIEWED BY JIM LAY

A military family is a unique biological phenomena. The father rules supreme, with the family members taking on the status of troops to be ordered about at whim. In this framework, however, the children will still find outlets for individual expression despite the father's autocratic hold on his family. This is the premise for Pat Conroy's second and best novel, *THE GREAT SANTINI*.

Conroy, a military brat himself, (his father was a Marine Corps fighter pilot who had the rank of Colonel) had much material to draw on for this semi-autobiographical novel. *THE WATER IS WIDE*, Conroy's first novel about teaching poor isolated black children on DeFuskie Island near Beaufort, S.C., exhibits a style that is warm, humanistic, and poignant as well as humorous. *THE GREAT SANTINI* is a more mature novel, exhibiting an extension of this style, superior character development, and a more reader-identifiable plot line.

The story takes place in Ravenel, S.C. (Beaufort, loosely disguised) where Colonel "Bull" Meesham is stationed to command a fighter squadron at Ravenel Air Station (Parris Island Marine Base, loosely disguised). His children, Ben, 17 years old and on the verge of manhood, Mary Anne, a sarcastic yet vulnerable spitfire who not only is Ben's slightly younger sister, but his best friend and Matthew and Karen, the remaining youngest members of the family make up the "Troops" of Bull Meesham.

The central figure is Ben who undergoes adolescence and maturation; not because, but in spite of his domineering father. A great scene is where Ben and Bull play a game of basketball. In the past, Ben has never won, but this time he does, and Bull flies into a rage, accusing Ben of cheating and he bounces the basketball savagely against his head. The triumph of beating his father for the first time overshadows the humili-

lation and he is satisfied.

After this, Bull gradually sees his son as a mature human being, and his macho military indoctrination-to-machismo rites are hilarious. The two go drinking at the Officers Club where Ben gets bombed on double martinis and Bull takes Ben to the training station to watch a Drill Sergeant terrify a squad of trainees.

Ben befriends the son of their maid, an outcast named Toomer,

who sells flowers and stutters. The black youth teaches Ben much about the ways of the swamp and living off the land, but is brutally killed by local thugs who think Toomer raped a white girl. Ben could have saved him, but his father ordered him not to leave the house. Ben finally leaves but it is too late.

*THE GREAT SANTINI*, which is Bull's self-proclaimed title, is an impressive second

novel for Pat Conroy who has woven a story of adolescence, family strength and weakness, and the all-consuming fanaticism of the military family man into a wonderful, passionate story that everyone will enjoy.

**THE GREAT SANTINI**  
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## Filmmaker Folio: Dick Pearce

BY RON LAYNE

The screenplay might appropriately be termed fictionalized history, but to the viewers of "The Gardener's Son," the story unfolding before them was all-too-painful reality. When it was over, the film left the audience with questions unanswered and feelings that they didn't quite understand.

"We left it an intentional mystery . . ." Filmmaker Dick Pearce explained while discussing the film he brought to Winthrop for the kick-off of the Independent Filmmakers Southern Circuit 1978. "Beyond a point, no one knows what goes on in a man's mind." He was speaking of the ill-fated protagonist of the film, but the concept applies to the film maker, himself.

What makes a man attempt to make a living as an independent film maker?

The money? Not hardly. While Hollywood hands millions to their directors for the celluloid sensations that play your local theatre, Dick Pearce must

bring his feature length production into a final print on a \$250,000 budget.

The fame? That's marginal, since few people are likely to see an independent film maker's work at the local theatre. As Pearce explains it, "It's a pretty small world . . . the independent film makers of New York."

The art? Ah! Now you're getting somewhere.

"You play it like an instrument," Pearce sees the direction of his film as an artistic enterprise, undertaken for the development of mastery of his craft. While the financial rewards may be negligible, there is reason for a feeling of aesthetic accomplishment.

How does he relate to his own work?

"It moves me because it's

humanity. It strikes me in human terms." This suggests that the film maker becomes an appreciative viewer of his own work. As Pearce explained it, "... you discover things in your work that you weren't aware of . . . internal connections that, to you when you were making the film were unconscious." Those unintentional things are the marks of unconscious genius.

## Celluloid Sampler

BY SULA SMITH

Last November the Publications department and Joynes Center decided they were having trouble attracting people to the films which are shown by the Independent Filmmakers. "We showed a film last fall and only nine people showed up. We knew we had to do something," said Pete Pepinsky, Public Affairs Director. "We sent a survey to about 60 people—students, faculty, and staff, and let them

respond to our questions."

Jan Millsaps, Director of Publications and Community Relations said, "There was a question on the part of the student as to what is an Independent Filmmaker's Southern Circuit. We get a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts and the S.C. Arts Commission. There are six cities on the traveling program and each city matches funds. Joynes is the host city for Rock Hill."

"These films are directed toward people who want to see an arty, non-Hollywood movie. They are not theatre funded, but are backed by individuals who love films and don't want to get involved in Hollywood problems. The director and producer have absolute control over style," said Pepinsky.

"Bringing the filmmaker here is a big part of the film. People have the ability to ask the filmmaker what his intentions were and his meanings," he said. It

is an opportunity to just loosen-up, learn something, and have a good time."

Pepinsky said, "The biggest problem we found was that students weren't getting the word. They also said the films weren't assessable enough." Millsaps said, "They have a bit of mob appeal. Films bring a different thing to mind than a movie."

"We found the films are just mighty good movies and we're working hard to promote them," Pepinsky said. "The quality is as high as those with big names."

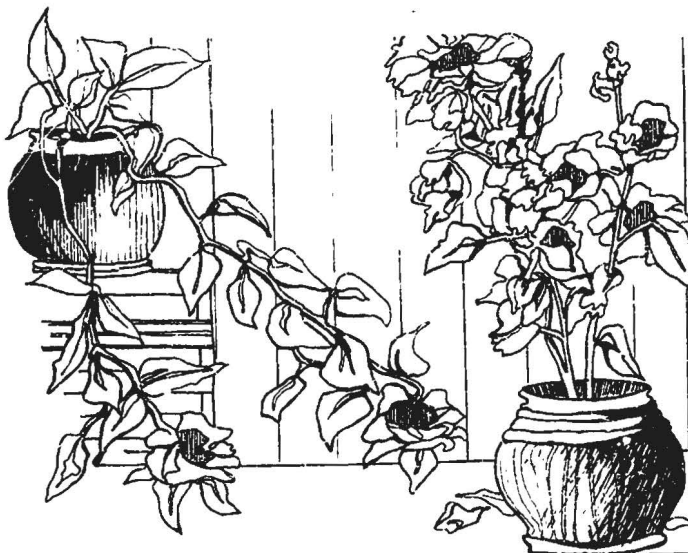
If you missed "The Gardener's Son," you missed quite a film. Many more will be at Joynes soon - "Dance," by Doris Chase will be shown on March 7. Come and experience.

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# A Bird's Eye View

BY RON LAYNE

GAMECOCKS.  
TIGERS.  
EAGLES?

School mascots are traditionally associated with spectator sports. The first two names in the above list bring to mind Carolina and Clemson. They are names that are known throughout the state.

The Eagles? Well, that's another story. With an obvious absence of sports that draw any spectator turnout or media mention, few people outside the hallowed grounds of Winthrop College would ever associate "the bird" with our beloved college.

But, the times, they are a-changin'. Certain groups around Winthrop are making sure of that. It begins with a few questions asked of about one-fourth of the student body.

## EAGLE OPINION POLL:

The results have been tabulated from the Public Affairs Office "EAGLE QUIZ." The 'quiz' was designed to find out whether or not the Eagle has found a home at Winthrop.

The consensus of opinion?

That's pretty difficult to ascertain. Those of you who answered the questionnaire expressed a clear cut divergence of opinion. Maybe the questions were a bit too ambiguous. If the quiz discovered anything at all, it is that the Eagle is slowly becoming the accepted mascot for Winthrop.

Where do the quiz results lead us?

Read on, you may be surprised.

First, a quick look at how the student body at large responded to the questionnaire...

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EAGLES

### EAGLE QUIZ RESULTS

1. An overwhelming number knew about the Winthrop Eagle.
2. Most did NOT participate in selection of the mascot.
3. About half of those responding said there had been too little publicity. About 40% said publicity had been adequate, and 10% said too much.

4. The golden eagle was the biggest vote-getter. Those who picked gold usually gave the reason that gold is a Winthrop color. Those who chose "bald" seemed to think the Winthrop mascot design was drawn that way.

5. The eagle's personality:

Most replied with traditional eagle-type traits: strong, proud, powerful, a fighter; but also stressed the gentle, academic side: confident, a leader, sensitive, clever.

Other comments:

fun, but not sophomoric; not macho either cool and together hi-class haven't had a chance to figure the eagle out; tell us more about it like Tom Webb educated, flirtatious straightforward to fit the occasion magnetic witty and full of grace scratching, clawing, ferocious super personality it's a weagle! funny; someone prominent needs a sense of humor acute hypo-schitzoneurotic

6. For most, the eagle's gender shouldn't matter, although one replied that it certainly would to him/her/it. Those who specified said most often the eagle was neuter.

7. The overwhelming response was to use the eagle for all activities.

8. How to make the eagle more meaningful:

Most wanted to see more eagle symbols around campus, more general publicity. Besides t-shirts, students suggested posters, billboards and stationery as promotional materials.

Other comments:  
Acceptance will take time.  
Use it, publicize it more.



Make it more real.  
Develop its personality!  
Have her lay golden eggs.



Have contests.  
Tell us why they chose it.  
Give out free t-shirts.

"Tell us more about the Eagle!"

9. The design:

Although most said they were satisfied, the same ones responded with suggestions for changing the design. Criticisms of the present design:  
too abstract  
too stiff, formal  
too federalistic  
too conventional  
too plain

10. Most would like to see a design somewhere in-between the present design and a cartoon-like approach. A few indicated a preference for having two designs one cartoon and one formal.

11. Most thought tie-ins were tacky and immature. Some suggestions:

Give the eagle a post office box so we could write to it.  
eager eagles--rarin' to play ball  
make the fountain its bird bath  
tie-ins will develop with time and reason  
eagletistical attitude

12. Other comments:

Concept and Design:

"The Golden Eagle seems a little more classy."

"Eagle looks too much like a seal. It should be action oriented; e.g. Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons, etc."

"I like the cartoons which Colin Odom drew for the paper."

"I don't like the cartoon Eagles--no dignity."

Miscellaneous Comments:

"The Eagle concept will become more meaningful to me when the Eagle becomes associated with school spirit, and is seen more often."

"By the way has anyone ever asked Clemson if their Tiger is male or female?"

"More emphasis on school instead of classes."

"I don't think we should break the traditions of the past just for sake of this eagle."

"When I mention Winthrop Eagles, people say WHO?"

"Glad you're concerned."

"It's nice to have a mascot."

## 1st Eagle Run

You'll be touring the most beautiful spots on the Winthrop campus. People along your travel route will be smiling, waving, and a few might even be shouting your name.

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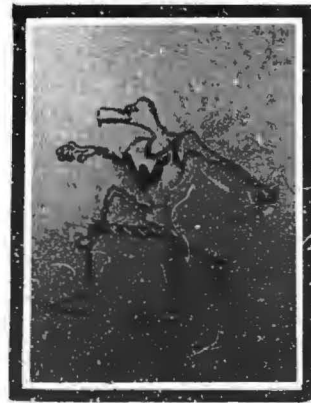
If this sounds like one of the most pleasant experiences you could ever hope to find, well, you've got another think coming.

THE JOHNSONIAN, in conjunction with SGA is sponsoring the 1st Eagle Four Mile Run, Saturday, March 4. Top finishers in the run will receive free 'Eagle Run' T-shirts. All finishers will receive a certificate of merit for completing the race.

The race is the first step toward familiarizing students with the WC mascot. Those of you who run the four mile course are certain to remember the Eagle for a long, long time.

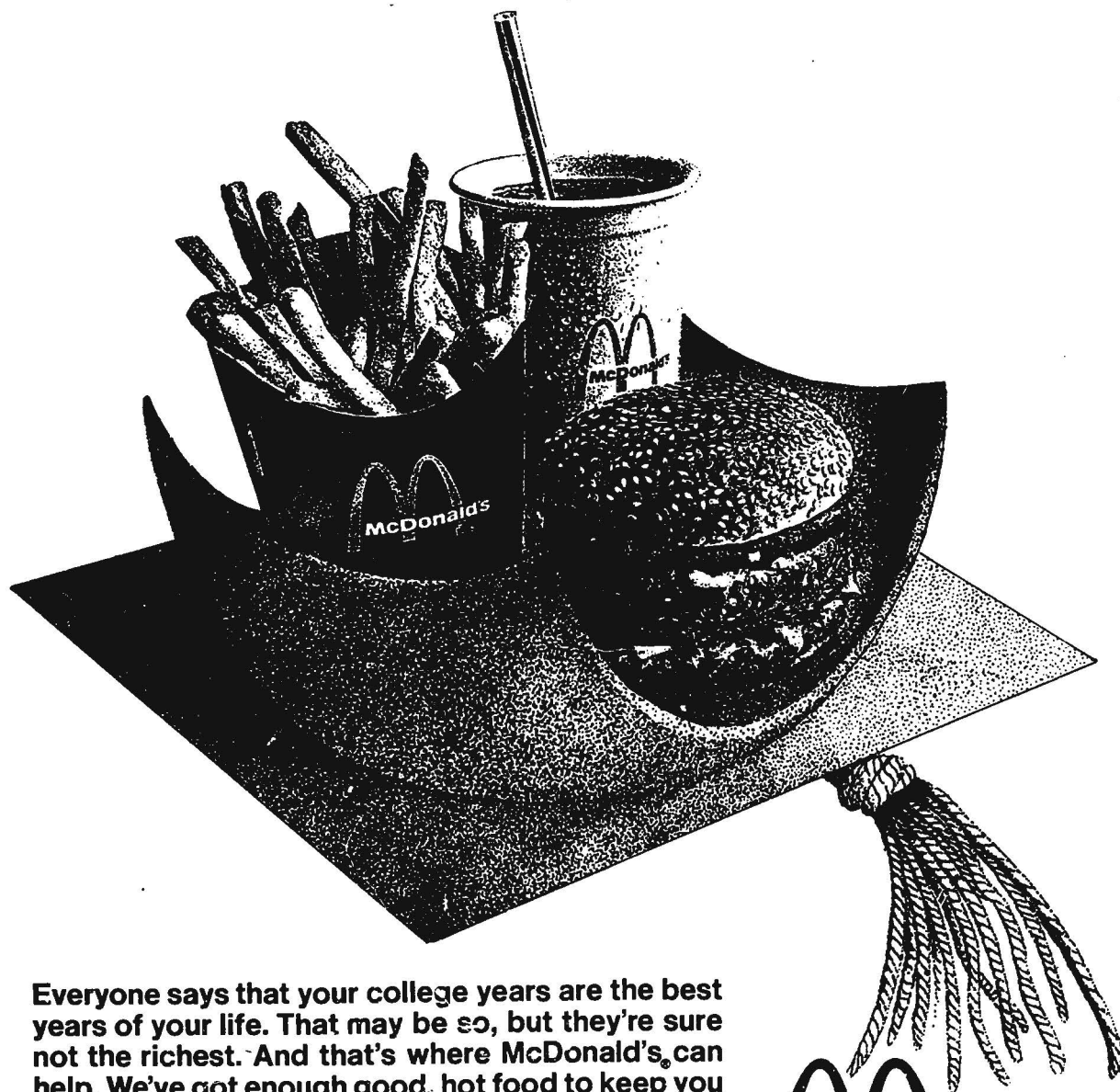
Watch for entry blanks, and other details of the Winthrop Day race in next week's TJ.

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